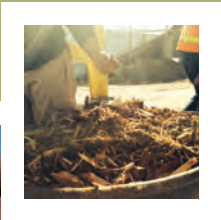




The 2013 Kalispell Chamber Timber Tour

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F.H. Stoltze and Plum Creek exemplify that innovation is key to sustainability for Montana's Timber Industry.

"F.H. Stoltze's co-generation facility is an exciting project because it emphasizes the importance of sustainability. F.H. Stoltze, Flathead Electric Cooperative, and the government entities that partnered together to make this project possible should all be commended for their commitment to the future."

~ Governor Steve Bullock

In Montana, the timber industry is fueling economic growth. Nowhere is this truer than in the heavily timbered region of Northwest Montana where the industry supports thousands of direct and indirect jobs for Flathead Valley residents.

In the Flathead Valley, many local timber businesses are dedicated to responsible management of natural resources and to incorporating innovation to sustain and grow the trade. It explains why, on October 24, a total of sixty-five legislators, industry leaders, and students loaded onto buses

for the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

2013 Timber Tour. Media representatives from the Flathead Beacon, Daily Interlake, and ABC/FOX TV also joined the Timber Tour festivities. Both participants and journalists were provided with an in-depth tour of two of the area's leading timber manufacturers, F.H. Stoltze in Columbia Falls and Plum Creek in Evergreen.





F.H. STOLTZE WITH A RICH HISTORY OF FOREST MANAGEMENT STARTING WITH HORSES AND RAILROADS AND PROGRESSING TO TODAY'S CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGIES, F.H. STOLTZE HAS NEVER LOST SIGHT OF ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE, STEWARDSHIP FORESTRY.

PLUM CREEK IS ONE OF THE LARGEST LANDOWNERS IN THE NATION AND THE MOST GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE. THE COMPANY'S PRIMARY BUSINESS IS TO ACTIVELY MANAGE ITS TIMBERLANDS TO CAPTURE THE MOST VALUE FROM EVERY ACRE IT OWNS.

KALISPELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THE KALISPELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS A LEADING VOICE IN STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY AND THE BUSINESS CLIMATE IN ORDER TO MAKE KALISPELL AND THE FLATHEAD VALLEY AN IDEAL LOCATION TO LIVE AND WORK.

MONTANA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK A WEEK OF EVENTS CELEBRATING MONTANA MADE WOOD PRODUCTS, FOREST STEWARDSHIP AND GOOD JOBS.



On the outing, participants first toured F.H. Stoltze's new \$22.5 million, 2.5 megawatt co-generation facility. With the facility, F.H. Stoltze will partner with Flathead Electric Cooperative to provide power to 2500 residents over a 20-year period. The co-generation facility is powered by the mill's bi-products and is a cornerstone of the company's efforts to diversify operations and drive sustainability. With 100 years dedicated to innovation, this project marks the latest, and perhaps the most impressive, of Stoltze's ventures. Governor Steve Bullock praised the company's ingenuity stating, "It perfectly underscores F.H. Stoltze's long-term commitment to the future of this state."

From F.H. Stoltze, the Timber Tour continued to the Plum Creek Plywood Plant located in Evergreen. There, participants were shown how Plum Creek is utilizing 3D scanners to increase precision in the log peeling process. The plant, which employs 160 local workers, has spent millions to upgrade its lathe. Interestingly, software comprises 90 percent of the improvements undertaken and is being used to fine tune hardware already in use. These latest upgrades herald Plum Creek's tradition of making the best use of Montana timber.

As the tour rolled back to the Kalispell Chamber offices, animated conversation ensued. It echoed the thoughts of Adam Molena, President of the Timber Products Manufacturing Association: "Through common sense methods and partnering with other businesses, F.H. Stoltze and Plum Creek are maximizing renewable resources to serve a small town community. If more companies would do the same, our small communities will once again thrive in America."

The best use of Montana's resources



"Technology is empowering Plum Creek to make the best use of the resources available, both from a volume recovery point, and a product quality point. Both make our business more successful and competitive in today's marketplace."

~Jim Kranz

*Plum Creek Manager,
Log Resources*

Investing in our future and our community



prosperity through
innovation



Legacy Industries Lead Montana Into a Bright Future

"Montana's forest products industry is a key economic driver in the state; many of the state's forest products businesses strive for innovation and offer good paying jobs. In 2012, the industry employed almost 7,000 people and provided nearly \$300 million in labor income. These jobs pay roughly \$7000 more per year than the average Montana job."

~Maureen Bookwalter

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